

## Social and Personal

From 6 to 6 o'clock yesterday there was a brilliant reception at the "Home for Needy Confederate Women," No. 1723 Grove Avenue. The ladies of the "Ways and Means Committee" were the hostesses of the occasion. Those receiving were: Mrs. A. J. Montague, Miss Ruby Decker, Mrs. A. J. Pyle, Mrs. L. O. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Richardson, Mrs. E. Raab, Mrs. Gordon McCabe, Mrs. Anne Reddy, Mrs. James Keith, Mrs. Eppa Hinton, Mrs. R. D. Davis, of Petersburg; Mrs. Conway Baker and Mrs. S. B. Witt.

Mr. Carlton McCarthy introduced Mr. William P. Kelley, of New York city, who made a few happy remarks, endorsing the "Home" as the most noble monument erected by the women of the South to their sisters who bore the heat and burden of the Confederacy.

Mr. Reginald Walker presided at the organ. The beautiful vocal selections given by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Clowes and Mr. Frank Cunningham, were enjoyed by all present.

Charming young debutantes, becomingly gowned in military uniforms, worn at the drill in the recent Confederate fair, served refreshments.

The house decorations were a model of artistic taste. Palms and cut flowers appeared in abundance, with the Confederate colors and Confederate flags always predominant.

The General Assembly was well represented. A number of prominent people of Richmond crowded the parlors of the Home.

Dr. Gardner made a few touching remarks. Thanks for donations are returned to:

Mrs. A. J. Montague, Mrs. J. A. Ridgely, Mrs. James Phillips, Mrs. S. P. Owens, Mrs. A. J. Pyle, Mrs. L. O. Miller, Mrs. C. O. Lyne, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Thomas Barry, Mrs. E. Raab, Mrs. Gordon McCabe, Miss Thelma Higgins, Mrs. Dickinson, Mr. Joseph Bailey, Mrs. Lawson Younger, Mrs. Ashby Pyle, Mrs. Wade Pyle, Mrs. Carlton McCarthy, W. T. Smoot and Company, Dr. Gardner, and others whose names do not appear, as many donations were unmarked.

The Industrial Chapter of Holy Trinity Church will hold a Christmas sale at Mrs. L. B. Morris' store, beginning Monday, December 14th, and continuing through the week.

The sale will embrace fancy articles of every kind, exquisitely dressed doll babies, fancy aprons, pin cushions, work bags and everything for dainty Christmas gifts.

The art class reception in the chapel of the Woman's College last evening was one of the pleasant social affairs of yesterday, and was largely attended.

Callers were welcomed by Miss Bacon, Miss Mary Carter Anderson, Miss Eppes, Miss Coker, Miss Harris and the members of the class.

Dr. Foushee, of Richmond College, gave a delightful talk on pictures which proved of special attraction to him during his European trip last summer.

Several fine musical selections added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The main feature of the reception, however, was the exhibit of original object work, which the class had done since last October from cast, still life and life in charcoal, water color and oil.

This work is considered to be most satisfactory by Miss Bacon, who believes that her students are raising the standard of art work in the college, and are progressing along right lines and principles calculated to give them a good foundation for an art education, and the future development of their powers.

**Flinch Club.**

Some of the ladies and gentlemen of Church Hill have organized a "Flinch Club," to be held twice a month at the different members' homes.

The first meeting was held Thursday evening last at the residence of Mrs. Misses Bodeker. This club promises to be a delightful social feature of the Hill.

The members of the club are: Dr. and Mrs. St. Julian Oppenheimer, Dr. and Mrs. Virginia Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Taylor, Mrs. George Lumsden, Misses Elliott, Miss Mary Taylor, Mr. Leo Meagher, Miss Margaret Meagher, Miss Ruby Bodeker, Miss Pearl Bodeker, Miss Florence Greter, Mr. Arthur Lipscomb, Captain W. G. Harvey, Miss Eva Prosser and Mr. W. H. Wright.

Miss Inez Spear and Mr. John A. Ireland, of Burlington, N. C., were married in the home of the Rev. L. B. Betty, Wednesday night, at 9:30 o'clock.

**Dinner Dance.**

The dinner dance given at the Westmoreland Club last evening was a very smart affair, indeed.

The club was handsomely decorated and an orchestra rendered a delightful musical programme. At dinner, guests were seated at small tables and mirth and repartee ruled the hour.

**Personal Mention.**

Mr. John Higgins has received a cablegram to the effect that his father, Mr. John M. Higgins, Miss Marie Higgins and their friend, Mr. Wall, of New York, had sailed from Queens town for New York on the Oceanic.

Miss Marie's many friends will give her a hearty welcome home after her two years' stay abroad.

Miss Sophie White was one among the host of pretty young girls who attended the dance at the Westmoreland Club last night.

Invitations have been sent out by the Richmond German Club for its first dance, to take place December 14th, in the Masonic Temple.

Mr. Levin Joyner is president of the club; Mr. John Stewart Bryan is vice-president, and Mr. W. Douglas Gordon is secretary and treasurer.

Mr. J. L. Smith, Mr. Kirkwood Mitchell, Mr. William H. Palmer, Jr., Mr. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., and Mr. Allen Potts constitute the Executive Committee.

Patronesses are: Mrs. Levin Joyner, Mrs. John Stewart Bryan, Mrs. Thomas Polling, Mrs. James W. Allison, Mrs. Eppa Hinton, Jr., Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mrs. Allen Potts, Mrs. Edward J. Willis and Mrs. Thomas H. Leary.

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## OF HUMAN INTEREST; STORIES OF TO-DAY

A feat in glass blowing was recently performed at a Western plant for making bottles which, it is believed is unequalled in its way.

An order was given for four bottles, to be used for advertising purposes. Two were intended for perfume, another for wine, and another for toilet water, the idea being to make a show window display of these articles. As a result the bottles were produced which are illustrated.

By comparing them with the most standard in the market, it can be gained that their truly mammoth dimensions. The bottles range in height from 6 feet, 4 inches to 6 feet, 4 inches. The tallest bottle is 20 inches in diameter at its greatest width, holding no less than 55 gallons liquid measure.

The smaller ones are intended for perfume.

Flames Seen Thirty Miles.

The great naphtha fire which has been raging for six weeks past near the town of Baku, in the Caucasus, may be safely reckoned as one of the biggest blazes which the world has ever seen.

From five great "gushers" of the natural oil and five of the reservoirs in which it is stored, enormous columns of flame have been towering day and night to a height at which they are visible for 20 or 30 miles around, and the entire region is described as being enveloped in a pall of smoke often sufficiently dense to conceal the light of the sun.

There is nothing to do but to wait till the conflagrations burn themselves out.

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Times-Dispatch Bureau, Colorado Building, Fourteenth and G Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.

Representative Jones has just won a victory for a portion of his constituents on the ocean shore. A few weeks ago it was announced by the Treasury Department that the custom house on Chincoteague Island would be discontinued, and the people on the island having business with the collector of customs must go to Cape Charles. Mr. Jones at once went to the department and saw Assistant Secretary Armstrong, who has the supervision of such matters. He laid the case before Mr. Armstrong, but received no encouragement to believe that the action of the department would be rescinded. Mr. Armstrong informed him that the amount of business done at the Chincoteague office did not warrant the department in continuing it, and that the action was taken solely in the interest of economy.

Mr. Jones showed him that there had been 119 vessels registered at the Chincoteague custom house in the past twelve months, and impressed upon him the hardship that would be worked to the owners of vessels who reside on the island if they were compelled to make the long and dangerous trip to Cape Charles every time any change had to be made in the registry of their vessels. Incidentally he mentioned the fact that the State Legislature, recognizing the isolated position of the people on the island, had enacted a law exempting them from jury service.

All these and a good many other things Mr. Jones told the officials, and while he did not at first receive any encouragement in the matter, he has just been notified officially that the office of collector of customs at Chincoteague will be continued. Collector Smith, who is a Republican, receives an annual compensation of about \$100.

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